



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes July 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Gail

Members present: Gail, Clem, Jan, Phil, Dave, Connie, Ann, Matt, Derek, Valle, and Lori

Members absent: Kelly, Cathy, Rob, Denise, Jon and Cheryl

Secretary Report: Minutes of July 7, 2011 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Report: was not available at meeting and will be sent out by Jan. Checking account for Chapter will be opened at MT West Bank.

Old Business:

- Reporting of Training and Volunteer Hours – It was stressed how important it is to have each member's hours input into the Master Naturalist web site. This is the only way our hours can be used to justify additional funding for grants.
- EIN number for our Chapter has been formalized and we can move forward with opening a bank account. We may decide in future to file for tax exempt status 501(c)3.
- Chapter meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am at the Waterlife Discovery Center. See website calendar for updates:
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>

New Business:

- State wide ID Master Naturalist Annual Meeting will be held in Boise on Friday, September 30th 12:00-5:00pm; and Saturday, October 1st 8:00am-5:00pm at the MK Nature Center. There will be an optional field trip on Friday morning, Saturday's lunch is provided. Pete has arranged for an official IDFG vehicle for transportation (will hold 4). Any member may attend at their own expense, the meeting is not mandatory. If you are interested, please contact Derek who will drive.
- Clem has volunteered to write draft by-laws for our Chapter with copies of examples provided by Gail (Native Plant Society)
- We discussed the subject of annual dues for the Chapter and it was decided to table a decision until more time has gone by and we have a better idea of the expenses we need to cover as a Chapter.
- A formal Partnership Agreement with Native Plant Society was approved by general vote. All formal partnerships with other organizations will be put in writing and kept in records.
- Proposal for setting up bluebird nest boxes on the Rapid Lightning Creek WMA was approved

by general vote.

- The meeting in August will not be held, too many board members will be absent – our next meeting will be on Thursday September 15, 2011 9:00am at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Committee Issues/Reports:

Communication: Chairperson? TBD

- The Chapter website can only be updated by Sara Focht at IDFG. Gail and Lori will direct her to post updates to the Calendar and Announcements. Please look at the website for updates on future meetings. Approved meeting minutes will also be posted.
- The Communications committee will make recommendations regarding a Chapter photographer, who will write articles for the newsletter, and a Facebook page. They will meet separately to choose a Chairperson.
- Valle introduced an idea to start a book exchange at the Waterlife Discovery Center. Books relating to subjects of interest to the Master Naturalists could be donated and checked out.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Dave Pietz - Chair

- Gail will send details for a volunteer opportunity involving the wetland behind Sandpoint middle school.
- Dave presented some information regarding an opportunity creating Interpretative programs with the Corps of Engineers, who manage 4 sites, in the 2012-2013 time frame.
- Committee will review all proposals for projects and make recommendations to Board, Board will vote on any expenditures required to complete project. General vote by all members required to approve project. All approved projects will be posted on website.

Training/Field trips: Chairperson? - Jon Bair?

- A stream monitoring training opportunity with Idaho Master Water Stewards is available and will be reviewed.
- Recommendations for the next MN training of new members (days per week, time of day, scheduling speakers, etc.) will be forthcoming.
- Botany class may be available through the Native Plant Society.
- There are upcoming hikes with John Nisbett through the Friends of Scotchman Peaks.
- All approved training opportunities will be posted on our Chapter website.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Getts, Secretary